Appl. No. 10/056,584 Resp. Dated December 8, 2003 Reply to Office Action of September 8, 2003



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Re: Application of:

Gerhard PFEIFER

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For:

HOLDER FOR POSITIONING A SPECIMEN SLIDE, AND

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AND MICROSCOPE

Art Unit:

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Examiner:

Joshua L. Pritchett

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the office action dated September 8, 2003 received in the aboveidentified application, Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application based on the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is a Amendment and Response to Final Office Action (8 pgs) in the above-identified application.

Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established. [] Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27. []

No fee for additional claims is required. []

[X] A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

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[] FIRST PRES	SENTATION OF	MULTIPLE DE	EP. CLAIM	+ \$140 \$		+ \$280 \$

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[] Also transmitted herewith are: [] Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (in duplicate) [] Other: Check(s) in the amount of \$84.00 is/are attached to cover: [X] [] Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 [] Other:

[X] The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

[X] Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.

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[X] Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR

1.136.

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